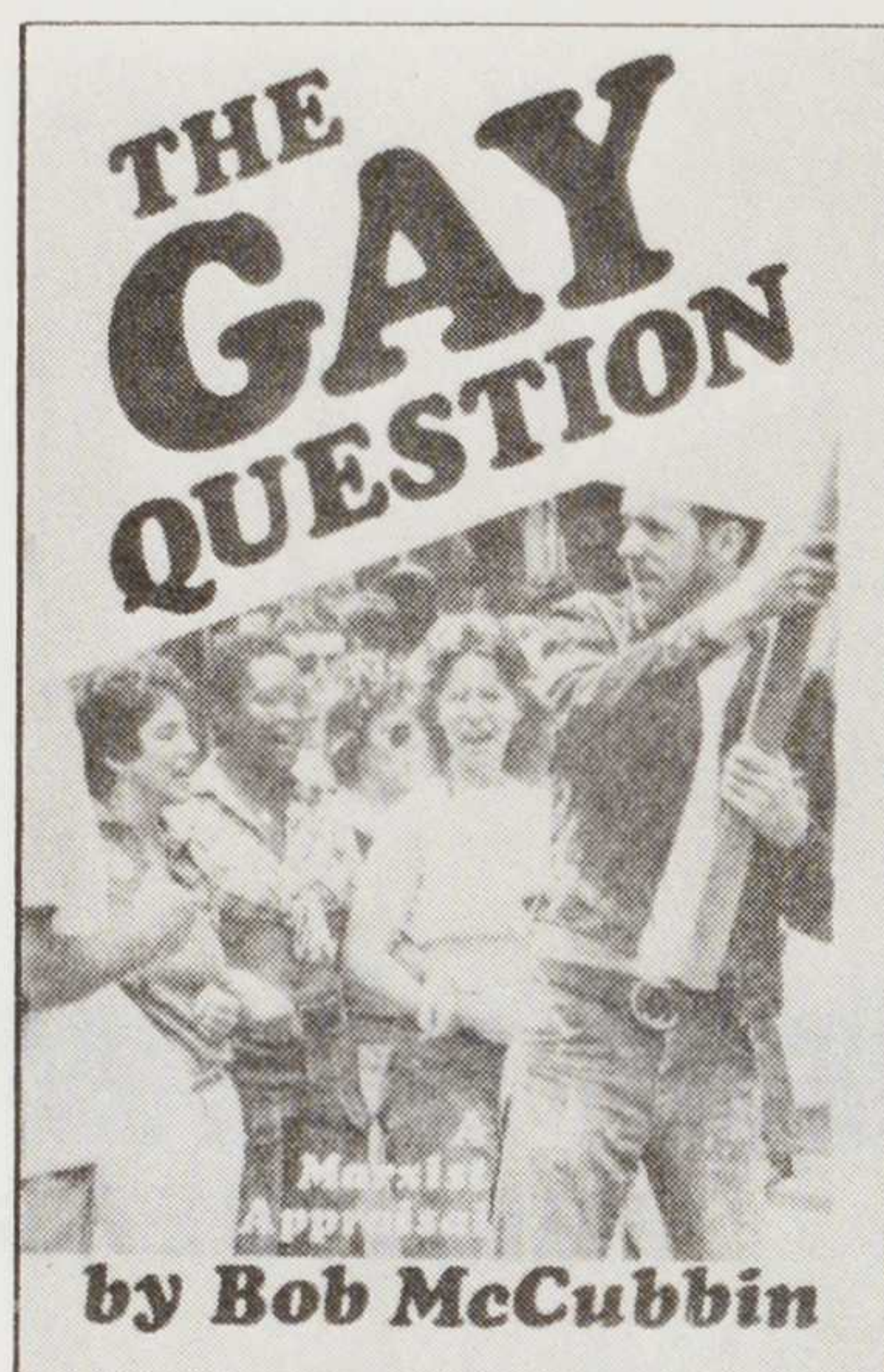




NEW!
The
Gay Question:
A Marxist
Appraisal
 by Bob McCubbin
 84 pp \$1.00

The birth of the gay liberation movement awakened a deep interest in the question of homosexuality. In the past few years we have seen an increasing number of books on the subject as people seek to understand a subject previously held taboo.

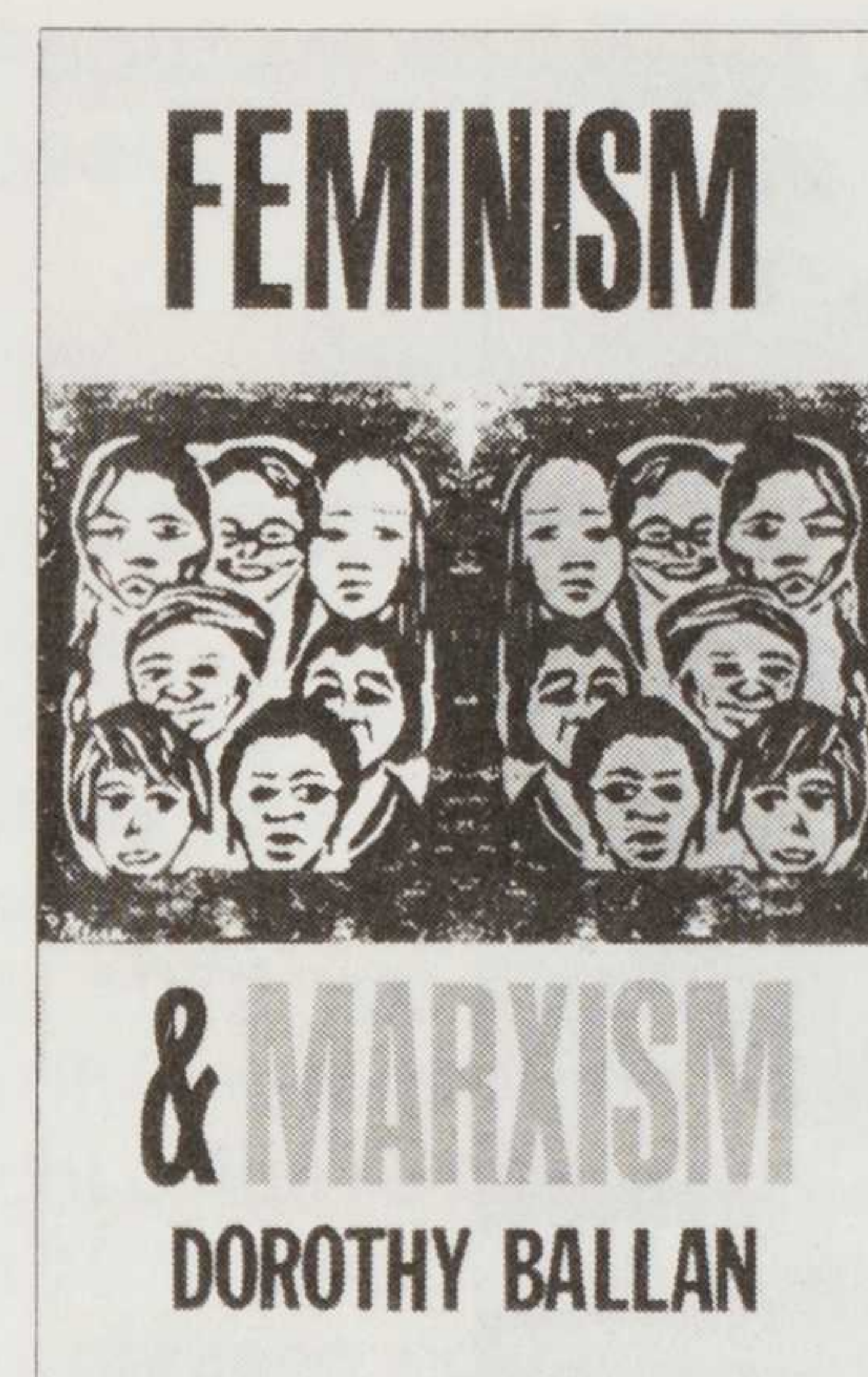
All of the books published thus far have attempted to understand gay people from the psychological or sociological point of view. Yet these approaches are often filled with the same common prejudices against gay people as openly anti-homosexual books.

The Gay Question: A Marxist Appraisal is a bold break-away from such traditional approaches. It is a material analysis of gay oppression, which traces the history of gay people from the earliest days of humankind to the present day. McCubbin develops and expands on aspects of gay history only recently discovered by researchers from the gay liberation movement, such as:

- *The Feudal Period*: It is now known that many of the thousands of so-called heretics who were burned as witches were homosexuals who were part of a mass movement of peasants to revive old, pre-patriarchal religions which used homosexuality in their rites and were attractive to women and men who refused to accept repressive sex roles.

- *The Early Homosexual Civil Rights Movement in Germany* was the historical predecessor to the contemporary gay liberation movement. How did it differ? Why did it fail? Why did Hitler's Nazi Party attack homosexuality? These questions are taken up in the discussion of this period.

The Gay Question is certain to be a controversial addition to the current literature on gay people, and invaluable to all those, gay and straight, who seek an analysis of gay oppression and gay liberation previously unavailable.



Feminism and Marxism by Dorothy Ballan
 68 pp \$1.00

The women's liberation movement has had a tremendous impact on this society. With its bold challenge to the kinds of sex roles that most people took for granted, it has in some way touched the consciousness of every woman.

The challenge of feminism has not only been directed towards establishment concepts of what woman's role should be, but to Marxist theory as well. In particular, feminist theory that men are and have always been women's primary enemy has long required the kind of Marxist response which considers both the general character of woman's oppression and its present-day forms.

Such a response is *Feminism and Marxism*. Using Frederick Engels' *The Origin of the Family, Private Property, and the State*, Dorothy Ballan describes the material roots and the evolution of woman's oppression, giving special attention to the development of monogamy and the nuclear family. In addition, she refutes feminist theory using Kate Millet's *Sexual Politics* as an example and discusses the relationship of and differences between white women and Black women in terms of the struggle for women's liberation. She also evaluates the revolutionary decrees made by the Bolsheviks regarding the status of women.

Finally, in terms of the relationship between the women's liberation movement and class struggle, she says "There is a virtual revolution going on in the minds of women. It is a harbinger of the general socialist revolution and at the same time is an indispensable ingredient for its success."

This book is indispensable for all those who wish to understand women's role in the past, the present, and the future.